

Texas Statewide Health Coordinating Council
Texas Center for Nursing Workforce Studies Advisory Committee

Minutes of Meeting Held April 6, 2011
10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Texas Department of State Health Services
Center for Health Statistics
1100 W. 49th Street
Moreton Building, Room 739
Austin, Texas 78756

Members Attending

Alexia Green, PhD, RN, FAAN, Co-chair
Richard Beard, BS, RN, CMSRN, Co-Chair
Gail Acuna, RN, MA
Bonnie Clipper, MBA, RN, FACHE
Jennifer DM Cook, PhD, MBA, RN
Kathryn Griffin MSN, RN, NEA-BC
Pearl E. Merritt, Ed.D., MSN, MS, RN
Lula Pelayo, PhD, RN
Elizabeth Poster, PhD, RN, FAAN
Elizabeth Sjoberg, JD, RN
Lisa Taylor, PhD, RN, CNS, FNP
Sally Harper Williams

Members Absent

Donna Carlin, MSN, RN, Excused
Patti Hamilton, PhD RN, Excused
Rachel Hammon, BSN, RN, Excused
Clair Jordan, MSN, RN, Excused
Susan McBride, PhD, RN, Excused
Jackolyn Morgan, MSN, Ed.D., RN, Excused
M'Lissa Quintanilla, LVN, Excused
Katherine Thomas, MN, RN, Excused

Staff Present

Aileen Kishi, PhD, RN, Program Director, TCNWS
Michelle Kim, Program Specialist, TCNWS
Pamela Wiebusch, Program Specialist, TCNWS
Bobby Schmidt, HPRB & SHCC

Public Present

Chris Fowler, THECB
Paul Waller, RN, BON
Emily Darnall, RN- UT Student
Diedra Garcia

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1. Welcome and Introductions	Dr. Alexia Green called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. She welcomed the committee, staff and public present, all of whom introduced themselves. Dr. Green announced the meeting will be tape recorded as required by the Administrative Procedures Act.
2. Establish Quorum and Approval of Excused Absences	A motion was made by Dr. Elizabeth Poster and seconded by Richard Beard to approve requests for excused absences from Donna Carlin, Patti Hamilton, Rachel Hammon, Clair Jordan, Susan McBride, Jackolyn Morgan, M'Lissa Quintanilla and Katherine Thomas. The motion carried.
Quorum Attained	A quorum of members was present; hence the committee was able to take action at this meeting.
3. Review of April 6, 2011 Agenda	The agenda was reviewed and no changes were made. The meeting moved forward with the agenda as is.
4. Approval of Minutes for February 2, 2011 Meeting	A motion was made by Pearl Merritt to approve the minutes with recommended revision and seconded by Gail Acuna. The motion carried. The minutes were approved with recommended change to reflect in the TCNWS Financial Report Update that TCNWS operates on funds generated through the surcharge on RN and LVN license renewal fees.
5. Discussion and Approval of Reports of Findings from the 2010 RN, VN, and APRN Nursing Education Surveys	<p>Pamela Wiebusch and Michelle Kim presented the reports of findings from the 2010 Nursing Education Program Information Surveys of Professional, Advanced Practice and Vocational Nursing Education Programs. The committee members discussed each set of reports and made the following motions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Dr. Lula Pelayo moved to adopt the professional nursing education reports with revisions and Richard Beard seconded. The motion carried.▪ Bonnie Clipper moved to adopt the vocational nursing education reports as amended and Jennifer Cook seconded. The motion carried.▪ Lisa Taylor moved to adopt the advanced practice nursing education reports as amended and Sally Williams seconded. The motion carried. <p>All of the nursing education reports of findings were revised to include the recommended revisions. These reports were published and are located on the TCNWS' website at http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/chs/cnws/Npublica.shtm</p>
6. Update Report on the 2011 Home Health Nurse Staffing Survey	Michelle Kim presented a progress report on the development of the Home Health Nurse Staffing Survey. She is currently working on recruiting regional representatives from Home Health and Hospice agencies to serve on a Task Force. A proposed timeline was presented that included having one in-person meeting of the Task Force in Austin in May; send letters with the survey by mail as well as by email in July; verify and analyze data in the fall; and complete the writing of reports of findings in the Spring, 2012.

<p>7. Report from TCNWS</p>	<p>Dr. Aileen Kishi gave a report that included information on the activities of the national Forum of State Nursing Workforce Centers including development of a strategic plan, implementing plans to develop partnerships with national organizations to implement the national nursing workforce minimum data sets (MDS), and surveying the state nursing workforce centers to assess where they are in collecting data according to the components within the Forum's nursing workforce MDS.</p> <p>It was announced that Robin Hayes had resigned from the advisory committee. The TCNWS Advisory Committee co-chairs asked committee members for their recommendations for this vacant position. Appointment for this position will be delayed until after the 82nd legislative session is over and the status of HB 1875 will be known as to whether or not the TCNWS Advisory Committee will continue to exist.</p> <p>Dr. Kishi also reported that Mary Benton was currently on medical leave, and it was unknown when she will be returning. In the meantime, the rest of the TCNWS staff will proceed with carrying out all of the projects and activities as planned with some adjustments in the timelines. The TCNWS Advisory Committee members recognized and thanked Pamela Wiebusch and Michelle Kim for their dedication and the excellent work that they do.</p>
<p>8. Educational Pipeline Presentation</p>	<p>Emily Darnall, a graduate nursing student who is doing an internship within the TCNWS, presented the findings of her project that she did on educational pipelines of RNs in Texas over a 5, 10, 15 and 20 year periods. The committee members commended her for her presentation. Dr. Green suggested that Ms. Darnall do this presentation for the Texas Team's Nursing Practice Committee when they meet in May 2011. She also suggested that both Ms. Darnall and Dr. Kishi write an article about this project for a special edition of the Journal of Professional Nursing.</p>
<p>9. Report from the Statewide Health Coordinating Council (SHCC)</p>	<p>Bobby Schmidt announced that the Council will begin working on an update report for the Texas State Health Plan. He asked committee members to provide him with suggestions as to what should be included in this update report. Mr. Schmidt reported on the status of HB 1875 that relates to the repeal of certain health programs, task forces and councils including SHCC, the TCNWS Advisory Committee, Health Professions Resource Center and TCNWS.</p>
<p>10. Report from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB)</p>	<p>Chris Fowler presented a report from THECB:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There will be a cut of about 47% from the THECB's funds where some of the smaller line items will be eliminated. Also, it looks like financial aid and hospital based funds will be eliminated. • Senator Jane Nelson introduced a bill to extend innovative grants funds of \$4 million for nursing for 4 years. • 28 grants were awarded to professional nursing programs with the \$3 million from the Nursing Innovative Grants Program. One of the projects is on identifying, tracking and providing intervention and support to at-risk professional nursing students. • 2010 graduation rates will be calculated based on THECB data. THECB has graduation rates for vocational nursing programs for AY 2007, 2008, 2009. Chris indicated that the career schools did fairly well.

11. Legislative Update on the 82nd Legislative Session	A legislative bill status report from the Texas Nurses Association was presented for committee members' review and discussion. In addition, Elizabeth Sjoberg presented the status of bills that impact upon hospitals and health care programs in Texas.
12. Report from the Texas Nurses Association (TNA)	Clair Jordan was absent, and a full report from TNA was not given. Jennifer Cook announced that there will be a House of Delegates meeting in Austin on April 16, 2011 and the ANA president will speak.
13. Report from the Board of Nursing	Kathy Thomas had to be at the capitol to testify at a hearing on HB 2092 which grants the BON "self-directed, semi-independent agency" status. In her absence, she sent a written update report on Differentiated Essential Competencies (DECs) of Nursing Programs and Taxonomy of Error Root Cause Analysis of Practice-Responsibility (TERCAP). In this report, it is reported that SB 193 is being considered by the 82 nd Legislature which allows the BON to develop an Error Classification System for use by Nursing Peer Review Committees.
14. Report from the Texas Team and Update on the Action Coalition	Alexia Green provided a report on expansion of the Texas Team to become the Texas Team Advancing Health Through Nursing in order to address the Institute of Medicine's Future of Nursing recommendations. A statewide summit was held in San Antonio where 300 leaders in nursing, medicine and other health care professions, business, and health care related organizations participated in the development of an Action Coalition. The Texas Team will be submitting by June 3, 2011, an application to the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to be approved as an Action Coalition.
15. Future 2011 Meeting Dates for TCNWS Advisory Committee	The next advisory committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 28, 2011 starting at 10:00 AM. To help save on traveling costs, the committee agreed that the September 28 th meeting will be a teleconference meeting lasting 2-3 hours. Staff will send out notices for this teleconference meeting and instructions on how to access the teleconference.
16. Agenda Items for Next TCNWS Advisory Committee Meeting	<p>There was a discussion among the committee members on possible agenda items for the next TCNWS Advisory Committee meeting on September 28, 2011 which include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update report on the 2011 NEPIS RN, VN and APRN surveys • Update report on the Home Health Nurse Staffing Survey • Report from the TCNWS • Final outcomes on the 82nd Legislative Session • Report from the SHCC • Report from THECB • Appointment of Employer of Nurses representative on the TCNWS Advisory Committee
17. Public Comment	There was no public comment.
18. Adjourn	The meeting was adjourned at 1:35 PM.